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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

**BOX PATENT APPLICATION**

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Sir:

The following Preliminary Amendments and Remarks are respectfully submitted in connection with the above-identified application.

**AMENDMENTS**

**IN THE SPECIFICATION:**

Please amend the specification as follows:

Before line 1, insert --<sup>1</sup>This application is the national phase under 35 U.S.C. § 371 of PCT International Application No. PCT/IL00/00736 which has an International filing date of November 10, 2000, which designated the United States of America and was published in English.--